

Indiana GIS Initiative

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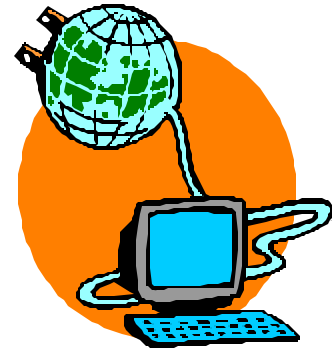
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Meeting Announcement

You are invited to attend the next Indiana GIS Initiative meeting at the Indiana Government Center Conference Rooms 4 & 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 am on **January 20, 2000.**

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. ☆☆☆ The Indiana GIS Initiative Steering Committee Council Workgroup has developed a proposal for the establishment of an official "Indiana Geographic Information Council" providing statewide coordinating and supportive functions to the statewide GIS community. It is anticipated that the establishment of a Council will:
 - a. Respond to a well documented need for statewide coordination
 - b. Enable fiscal management and project development
 - c. Facilitate and broaden communicationThe content and status of the Council proposal will be introduced and discussed.
3. Updates from the Indiana Government GIS Task Force and proposed state government GIS office.
4. Updates from the NW Indiana GIS Forum.
5. Status of the USGS Indiana DOQ Project.



Northwest Indiana GIS Forum Update

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We are presently busy spending the money awarded to us by the FGDC for metadata compilation. We have been working with Nina Savar and Kara Breems (the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission) to identify those agencies in NW Indiana that have GIS data to catalog and begin interviewing them and writing their metadata.

Thus far, Munster and East Chicago have been contacted. Each of these communities has at least 15 layers of framework data as well as additional utility coverages for sanitary sewer and storm. The Forum hopes to include the city of Gary as well as the Lake County Surveyor's Office in the metadata compilation effort. Both agencies have been contacted but have yet to make a decision about participating. Hammond will also be included in this round of metadata compilation.

The Forum has been working on a proposal to open a Regional GIS

Calendar of Events

**Indiana GIS Initiative
Committee Meeting**
*Indiana Government Center
Conference Rooms 4 & 5
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN
January 20, 2000*

**INGISI 2000 Quarterly
Meeting Schedule**
April 20, 9:30 – 11:30 am
July 20, 9:30 – 11:30 am
October 19, 9:30 – 11:30 am

**2000 GIS Conference
Sharing Resource:
Leveraging Your Investment**
March 6 – 7, 2000
Indiana Convention Center
Indianapolis, IN

Resource Center at Indiana University Northwest. The University has just opened a 14-seat GIS lab and has announced the inclusion of an Intro to GIS class into its geoscience curriculum. They have agreed to partner with the Forum to pursue funding for a resource center, which will help NW Indiana agencies implement GIS.

Our next meeting is January 27 at the Northwest Indiana IDEM office in Gary. A representative from Robinson Engineering will be presenting the GIS basemap which they have been compiling for Gary.

Becky McKinley is the co-chair of the NW Indiana GIS Forum and the GIS Manager for the Hammond Sanitary District, in Hammond, IN. She joined the Indiana GIS Initiative Steering Committee in October 1999.

Indiana DOQs Complete!

In his last official act of the millennium, Roger Barlow, USGS Indiana State

Liaison, declared the USGS Digital Ortho Quadrangle coverage for Indiana complete, as listed in their GLIS database.

Midwest GIS Conference 2000

Sharing Resources - Leveraging Your Investments

The Indiana GIS Initiative is co-sponsoring this two-day regional event with IKO and UGISA. The planning committee has been working hard and has put together an exciting agenda.

A well-rounded slate of Monday workshops include topics such as map design, maps on the internet, GIS fundamentals, GPS, parcel mapping, project management, metadata, emergency management, economic development, earth imagery and utility applications – whew!

Thanks to a grant from the Federal Geographic Data Commission, the “Federal Standards for Data Sharing – Metadata for Casual and Technical

Users” workshops are available on a first-come basis free of charge. Tuesday’s concurrent speaker track will also address metadata topics.

With ten concurrent speaker tracks on day two, the only difficulty will be in deciding which to attend. Indiana GIS Initiative highlights will include a look at GIS State Coordination Efforts in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, during the “Public Sector Applications” session.

Other speaker tracks include transportation / utilities, data sharing, environmental and natural resources, business applications, agricultural development, users perspectives / project development, data dissemination, emergency management, field applications & GIS. Plan now to participate!

Register online
www.polis.iupui.edu/gis2000

March 6-7, 2000
Indianapolis Convention Center

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